

Grade 7 Social Studies

Grade 7 students focus on environmental, social, and cultural factors that affect quality of life for people in various places in the world. They study physical and human geography and global demographic trends. Students enhance their awareness of indigenous peoples and explore ways of life in other places. Students become aware of the commonalities that link cultures and societies and the disparities that divide them. As they explore global challenges and opportunities, students become aware of the importance of international cooperation and begin to understand their roles as citizens in an increasingly interdependent world.

The year focusses on People and Places in the World and is broken into four learning clusters.

❖ **World Geography**

Students examine human and physical geography and their connections. This study includes mapping, population, regions, bodies of water, vegetation and climatic zones, more and less developed nations, and time zones.

❖ **Global Quality of Life**

Students examine environmental, social, and cultural factors that affect quality of life. This study focuses on universal human rights, diverse cultural perspectives, citizenship and democracy, identity, and discrimination. Students examine their personal actions and the impact on quality of life for people in other places.

❖ **Ways of Life in Asia, Africa, or Australasia**

Students examine how various factors shape ways of life in one contemporary society, selected from a choice of Asia, Africa, or Australasia. This study includes a focus on environmental, historical, social, political, and cultural issues, as well as a focus on indigenous people.

❖ **Human Impact in Europe or the Americas**

Students examine the impact of human activities on environmental, social, political, cultural, and economic issues. Students explore historical events, climate change, technological development and urbanization, use of natural resources, food production and distribution, and consumerism. They also consider concepts related to sustainable development.